

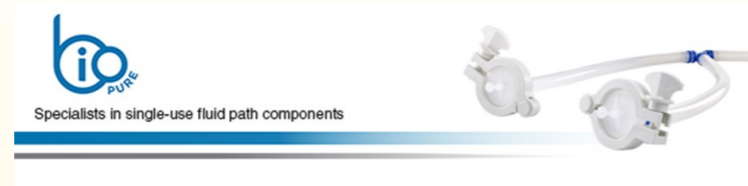
Protective Face Masks Donation



Thank you very much to Steve Feasley and William Kellaway from Bio Pure Technology Ltd who donated 400 face masks to the school.

These masks will be able to be used by staff and students.

THANK YOU!



The Poppy Appeal

Well done to Harry Naughton (Year 9) who ran 15k in under 1½ hours in the Poppy Run 2020 to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. He raised £311. An amazing achievement.



Children in Need 2020/ Christmas Food Appeal



Well done to all our students and staff who raised £184.25 for Children in Need, and £549.76 for the Christmas Food Appeal through our non-uniform day.

Christmas Jumper Day 2020



Well done to all our students and staff who raised £545.60 for The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal through our non-uniform Christmas Jumper Day this year!



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2020. And what a year it has been!

Of course, none of us, both in our personal and professional lives, ever thought we would be dealing with a global pandemic which has made this year like no other in schools, certainly in my 25 years of experience. We have all faced many challenges and have had to sometimes turn the way we do things upside down, certainly over the last 6 months!

Although things have been different this year, we have maintained the core principles of the school, including our focus on the school values of kindness; optimism, mindfulness, self-assurance; curiosity; gratitude; grit; self-control.

We have also maintained our high standards, challenging teachers to teach as well as they possibly can despite all the difficulties they have faced, ensuring students can complete work to the best of their ability and continue to make progress, and expecting high standards of behaviour and appearance.

Some people may say that, in these times of crisis, we should drop standards – I say the opposite! To us, it is even more important that we maintain a consistent approach, insisting on keeping the bar high, to provide a sense of order, calm and normality when things outside our control are extremely challenging. I am hugely proud of the way in which staff, students and parents have responded and thank everyone associated with the school for their support over this period

As term ends I would like to focus on one thing that I am, again, extremely proud of, which is The Cowplain School Christmas Appeal. As I write this, I know many staff have started delivering some of the tonnes of food that we have received in donations. I would like to thank parents, staff and students for their donations, and a special thanks to our staff who have given up their own time to pack and deliver food. Also, thanks to Morrisons and the Co-op for their donations of food and to Waitrose for their donation of 250 'Bags for Life.' All those companies, and others, have been brilliant and supported us fantastically well.

Therefore, as the term and year comes to an end, I want to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to 2021, which I know I share with you in hoping is a better year for everyone.

Best wishes.

Mr I R Gates
Headteacher

Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.



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Christmas Food Appeal

An amazing **£1545.60** was donated and raised for The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal.

On the next pages you will see photos of the vast amount of food that was donated and bought with the money raised, and a photographic timeline from receipt of donations to delivery of the Christmas food hampers.

A fantastic effort by the Cowplain community for the Cowplain community!



Reminder:

Inset Days:

Thursday 17 December 2020

Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas Holidays:

**Monday 21 December 2020 to
Friday 1 January 2021**

**School reopens on Monday
4 January 2021**

(Week 2)



The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal

From the beginning to the end



"I brought food in to help others so that they have enough to eat over Christmas. It made me feel good bringing the food in" Year 8, age 13



THANK YOU to Karen and Sara who packed, loaded and delivered the food that we bought and received from Morrisons.



"I feel privileged for what we have in our family. I want to help in any way I can. Not all people are as lucky as we are and this made me want to donate" Year 8, age 13



"I brought food in because I wanted to help. Some parents have lost jobs over the pandemic and I know this is a really difficult time for them" Year 10, age 14

